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SUBJECT: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS ON TORTURE INITIATIVES WITH  
NETHERLANDS AND CANADIAN REPS.

REF: USUN 2733

1. MISOFF AND NETHERLANDS COMMITTEE III REP (HEINEMAN)

MET AUGUST 29 TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE THREE TORTURE  
INITIATIVES BEING PREPARED FOR 32ND GA (REFTEL). HEINEMAN  
OFFERED FOLLOWING CRITIQUE OF US DRAFT PREPOSAL: TITLE  
"WORKING GROUP" OF EXPERTS "AIMS TOO HIGH," AS CREATION OF  
SUCH AN INDEPENDENT BODY WOULD FRIGHTEN MANY NATION. US  
PROPOSAL "TOO BLUNT," AND THOUGH "WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF  
LOSING CONSENSUS, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE A LOT OF NOISE,  
CREATE MUCH CONTROVERSY, IT IS TOO PROVOCATIVE".

2. HEINEMAN SAID THE HAGUE INTERESTED IN PRESENTING

PROPOSAL THIS UNGA REQUESTING SYG TO REPORT OT UNGA NEXT  
YEAR REGARDING OBSERVATION OF RESOLUTION 3452 BY ALL STATES. THIS  
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WOULD BE DONE, HE SAID, THROUGH A QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRI-  
BUTED TO ALL STATES, BASED ON ARTICLES 4 AND 7OF RESO-  
LUTION. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BUILD UPON EXISTING STAN-  
DARDS AND MANDATE OF RESOLUTION 3452. HE EMPHASIZED  
THAT IT WOULD STRENGTHEN ROLE OF SYG. (IF THE HIGH  
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BECOMES A REALITY, THIS  
TASK WOULD THEN PASS TO THE NEW POST.)

3. NETHERLANDS WILL ALSO TABLE AGAIN ITS PROPOSED RESOLUTION (E/AC.7/L.731) IF SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES REQUESTS IT.

4. HEINEMAN SUGGESTED THAT U.S. PROPOSALS FOR FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON TORTURE COULD BE ADDED TO THOSE ASKED FOR BY SUB-COMMISSION AND OUTLINED IN PROPOSED NETHERLAND RESOLUTION (E/AC.7/L.731). HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSAL MENTIONED IN PARA. 2 ABOVE WOULD MEET SOME OF US GOLAS.

5. EARLIER ON AUGUST 29 CANADIAN REP (LIVERMORE) HAD INDICATED TO MISSOFF STRONG INTEREST IN TORTURE ISSUE, AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR SOME PROPOSAL FOR MAKING THE HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY MORE EFFECTIVE. HEINEMAN AND LIVERMORE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS A TORTURE RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE, MISSOFF ASKED HEINEMAN FOR THE HAGUE'S WORDING FOR PROPOSAL IN PARA. 2 ABOVE.

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